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By Kathlen & Bockley
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2003 with a shortened statutory period set to expire on June 3, 2003. In view of a submitted Priority Response and mailing date of an Advisory Action, concurrently filed herewith is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to August 21, 2003

Please consider the following amendments and remarks: